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Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Collides with Passenger Car in North Canton

Peninsula, OH. - Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) was on the second leg of its morning round trip between Canton and Akron when it struck a vehicle at the Portage Street NW crossing, fatally injuring the driver.

The train was headed south, and the driver of the car was believed to be travelling east when the collision occurred. The accident is still under investigation, being led by the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

“Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad offers our sincerest condolences to the family of the victim,” stated Craig Tallman, President and CEO of the not-for-profit railroad. “We are sensitive to the needs of our volunteers and train crew and will continue to support them as we work through this traumatic experience.” No one on the train, passengers or crew, were injured.

The train tracks between Akron and the Canton Lincoln Highway Station are owned and maintained by

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Akron Metro RTA. Tracks and crossing gates are inspected on a weekly basis.

CVSR operates in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park through a cooperative agreement. Spokesperson for the National Park, Jennie Vasarhelyi offered: “We at the National Park offer our sympathies to the families involved in this terrible tragedy.”

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad offers scenic train excursions between Independence and Canton, Ohio Wednesday through Sundays through out June, July and August. Regular operations will resume July 14, 2012. The excursions between Independence and Akron, traveling through Cuyahoga Valley National Park, are offered year-round.

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